# **EXHIBIT**

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Declaration of Guy Frederick Noel Martin In Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Against Yassin Abdullah Kadi

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January 2018

## IN THE MATTER OF

# YASSIN ABDULLAH KADI

#### and

# THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL, US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## STATEMENT OF YASSIN ABDULLAH KADI

- I, YASSIN ABDULLAH KADI of Farsi Center, West Tower, 11th Floor, Suite 1103, Waly Al-Ahd Street, Ruwais District, Jeddah 21411, Saudi Arabia, SAY AS FOLLOWS:-
- I make this statement further to the meeting held at the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), US Department of the Treasury, in Washington DC on August 1 2002 attended by Mr R Richard Newcomb, Director of OFAC, and several of his colleagues together with my legal representatives. Although I was not personally present at that meeting, and without in any way waiving legal privilege, I am informed by my lawyers that Mr Newcomb asked additional questions about my commercial and charitable activities in various locations. I am informed by my lawyers that in this context Mr Newcomb requested details of my commercial

- 142. It was my intention that all the funds I transferred to Al Shamal be invested in strict accordance with Islamic precepts. This means that generally funds would be invested according to Islamic principles and procedures. These modes have a built-in element of profit (or risk) which replaces the interest that would be payable were the parties non-Muslim. At no stage did I ever transfer funds to Al Shamal Bank for any purpose connected with terrorism or to support Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda or any other terrorist group.
- 143. Before committing funds for investments with Al Shamal Islamic Bank, the bank provided me with a list of correspondent banks. A copy of this list is at pages 198 to 201. It will be seen that Al Shamal's correspondent banks included such names as American Express Bank, Commerz Bank and Credit Lyonnais (Suisse) SA. The correspondent banks also included Al Barakah Bank and others. At that time, none of these institutions had, so far as I am aware, ever been the subject of any official sanction relating to money laundering or other illegal activity. Whenever I wished to invest with Al Shamal Bank, they directed me to transfer my funds to the relevant correspondent bank nominated by them. This did not cause me any concern as it is quite usual in banking transactions to transfer monies to a bank via its correspondent bank. In this case I understood that there was no facility for the direct transfer of funds to Al Shamal Bank in Sudan. Upon the transfer being effected, Al Shamal would credit my US dollar investment account in Sudan.
- 144. The correspondent banks to which Al Shamal Bank instructed me to transfer funds were Credit Lyonnais (Suisse) S.A, and Al Barakah Bank in London. I

understand this is an issue because it has been alleged in the *Burnett* civil law suit that Osama bin Laden maintained one or more accounts at Al Shamal Bank, and that Al Barakah Bank has supported Al Haramain Charity and Osama bin Laden. I have no knowledge of whether these allegations are true; in any case I confirm that I never transferred funds to Al Shamal Bank or any of its correspondent banks including Al Barakah Bank to support Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda or any terrorist group or activity and I am not aware that any of these banks has ever engaged in financing or supporting any such terrorist group or activity. In all my dealings with Al Shamal Bank I never had any knowledge whatsoever of the identity of any other client or investor with that bank or any of its correspondent banks or any financial institution associated with it. Obviously, it follows from this that my reasons for investing with Al Shamal Bank had nothing whatever to do with the identity of any of its other clients or investors, none of whom were known to me.

- 145. To the best of my knowledge none of the funds I transferred to AI Shamal Bank or any of its correspondent banks including Al Barakah Bank were ever used for any purpose connected with Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda or any terrorist group or activity. At all times I intended the funds I invested with AI Shamal Bank to be applied for one or more of the following purposes:
  - 145.1 to enable Al Shamal Bank to issue a guarantee to the Sudanese Government in respect of a substantial scrap metal tender issued by the Sudanese Government, which I won after a contested bid in 1990 and which I considered to be a good business opportunity. The tender for this

believe I am a victim of a gross miscarriage of justice. Accordingly, I now ask that my assets be de-listed by OFAC without any further delay.

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true.

Signed	Dated
Yassin Abdullah Kadi	